

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (new) A method for administration of at least one data object of a printer or copier, comprising the steps of:

5 storing at least data of a data object in a databank, and associating an identifier with the data object;

creating at least one first source code with a plurality of instructions in a programming language, said source code containing the identifier of the data object; and

10 from said first source code generating a second source code, the identifier of the data object being replaced by at least one part of the data stored in the databank regarding said data object.

15 15. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein the data object contains at least one of the elements selected from the group consisting of a variable and a constant.

16. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein a program code for execution in a control unit of the printer or copier is generated with aid of the second source code.

20 17. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein at least one of the elements selected from the group consisting of the second source code and a program module generated from the second source code comprises a machine program module.

18. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein the second source code comprises a text document.

25 19. (new) A method according to claim 18 wherein the text document comprises at least one of the elements selected from the group

consisting of an operating manual, a service manual, and a technical specification of the printer or copier.

5 20. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein the second source code comprises a management information base or, with aid of the second source code, a management information base is generated with whose help at least one of the elements selected from the group consisting of a control unit and a structural unit of the printer are administered.

 21. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein the data stored in the databank are accessed via a standardized application interface.

10 22. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein at least the first source code comprises a script created in a scripting language, the second source code being generated from the data contained in the databank with aid of the script.

15 23. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein at least the first source code is created in a scripting language.

20 24. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein the data of the data object comprises at least one of the elements selected from the group consisting of size, type, name, position within a data object structure, write/read rights, unit, limit values, and function calls for handling of the data object.

 25. (new) A method according to claim 14 wherein the same identifier is associated with a plurality of data objects, and the identifier in the first source code is replaced by data of a plurality of data objects.

25 26. (new) A device for administration of at least one data object of a printer or copier, comprising:

 a first storage region in which at least data of one data object are stored, and wherein an identifier is associated with the data object;

a second storage region in which at least one first source code with a plurality of instructions is stored in a programming language, the source code containing the identifier of the data object; and

5 the device generates from the first source code a second source code in which the identifier of the data object is replaced by at least a part of the data stored regarding said data object.

27. (new) A method for administration of at least one data object of a printer or copier, comprising the steps of:

10 storing at least data of a data object in a databank, and associating an identifier with the data object, the data object containing at least one of the elements selected from the group consisting of a variable and a constant;

creating at least one first source code with a plurality of instructions in a programming language, said source code containing the identifier of the data object;

15 from said first source code generating a second source code, the identifier of the data object being replaced by at least one part of the data stored in the databank regarding said data object; and

generating with aid of the second source code a program code for execution in a control unit of the printer or copier.